

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-089-C - ORDER NO. 98-812

OCTOBER 26, 1998

IN RE: Request of ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc. for)	ORDER
Approval of Revisions to its General)	DENYING
Subscriber Service Tariff to Eliminate its)	RECONSIDERATION
Public and Semi-Public Telephone Services)	
and to Establish an Access Line to Support)	
Instrument Implemented Smart Payphones)	
and an Access Line that Utilizes Central)	
Office Provided Coin Services.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition for Reconsideration of our Order No. 98-742, filed by the South Carolina Public Communications Association (SCPCA). Because of the reasoning stated below, the Petition must be denied.

First, SCPCA merely lists the various criteria stated in the judicial review section of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), S.C. Code Ann. Section 1-23-380 (Supp. 1997), and claims that the Order exhibits all of the potential deficiencies given in the statute. Such non-specificity gives us nothing to review, and this allegation is therefore non-meritorious. In any event, we do not believe that the Order violated any APA standard in any event.

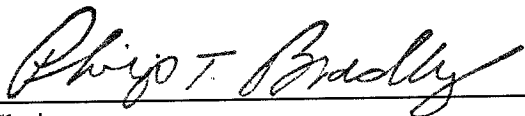
Second, SCPCA states that we erred in failing to make a determination as to whether Alltel's filings were in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Orders issued in FCC Docket No. 96-128. We would note that we

quoted with approval in Order No. 98-742, Order No. 97-451 in Docket No. 97-190-C. We would also point out Order No. 97-605 in that same Docket, which denied SCPCA's Petition for Reconsideration. In that Order, we noted that the rate standard established by the Commission, and therefore Order No. 97-451, was in compliance with the Orders in FCC Docket No. 96-128. Since Order No. 98-742 adopted the same standard as Order No. 97-451, we hold that the standard in Order 98-742, and therefore Order No. 98-742 is in compliance with the Orders in FCC Docket No. 96-128.

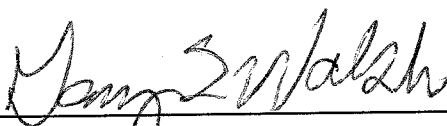
Third, SCPCA alleges that the Commission's decision is in error since Alltel has failed to produce the cost studies required by the FCC Orders, and the Commission has not reviewed any such studies. Clearly, no error resulted in this situation. With the Commission setting the rate standard that it did in this case, no cost studies were necessary, since concerns about the relationship of the Company's rate pricing to cost were alleviated, since the LEC's pricing met FCC standards. We believe that, as with the other SCTC LEC's, our standard insures that all subsidies have been removed, and that the Alltel rates proposed are non-discriminatory.

Because of the reasoning stated above, the Petition is denied. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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